



**SPECIAL EDITION**

# **GOVERNOR SNYDER NAMES RICHARD M. MCKEON AS CORRECTIONS DIRECTOR**

Effective January 1, 2011, Governor Rick Snyder appointed Richard M. McKeon as Director of the Michigan Department of Corrections while a national search is conducted for a permanent Director. McKeon, who served on the Governor's Corrections Transition Team, retired in 2003 as the Director's chief of staff.

In announcing the appointment, Governor Snyder said, "Dick McKeon is an outstanding individual whose expertise and institutional knowledge will be a great asset as we look for efficiencies in the corrections system while providing safety and security to our citizens."

Director McKeon holds a master's degree in social work from Wayne State University and a bachelor's degree from Western Michigan University. McKeon worked for the Department from 1981 until 2003, serving as an adviser and chief of staff to six corrections directors including Director Caruso at the beginning of her tenure.